# DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

## HINGE (AS AMENDED)

the specification of which:

■ is attached hereto; OR

☒ was filed on     March 17, 2004     as U.S. Application Number or PCT International Application Number     PCT/EP2004/002755

and (if applicable) was amended on _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which I am aware and which is material to the examination of the patent application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or (f), or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designates at least one country other than the United States, listed below any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or an PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

## Prior Foreign Application(s)

| NUMBER | COUNTRY | DAY/MONTH/YEAR FILED | PRIORITY CLAIMED? |
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| 203 04 646.3 | GERMANY | 21/MARCH/2003 | YES |
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me which is material to the patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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